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Key to the Pronunciation of Laguna.

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KEY TO THE PRONUNCIATION.

See WEBSTER.

A a has its long, short and accidental sounds.

E e has its long, short and accidental sounds.

ē has the sound of *ee* in see, and of *ea* in sea, and like *i* in machine.

ĕ has a half grunt sound, also a sound like *e* in the interrogative *eh*.

I i has its long and short sounds; with the occasional sound of *i* in Irksome, Virgin.

O o has its long and short sounds, with the occasional sounds of *o* in bosom, woman. Order, form, stork.

In short *u* and long *oo* sounds *u* is used.

U u has its long, short and occasional sounds.

Y y has its long and short sounds.

Ei is like *ei* in eider, eidos.

Ea is like *ea* in each, teach.

Ai is like *ai* in Ai-gret, Ai-grette.

An italic vowel or syllable indicates a suppressed or breathed pronunciation.

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THE CONSONANTS

have their common sounds, except *n* and *t* which have additional sounds.

N n has its common sound and a nasal sound, much like the Spanish ñ (enye) but does not necessarily include the *y*.

This sound is represented by the Spanish ñ. The y is added when it takes that sound.

T t has its natural sound, a dental and a palatal sound.

The dental sound is made by placing the tip of the tongue firm against the roots of the upper front teeth. articulating the letter as modified by the following vowel. much like tch

This sound is represented by ţ Fr. Cl. It has no similar sound in our languages.

The palatal sound is made by placing. the tongue firm and flat against the roof of the mouth, allowing it to relax as the accompanying vowel is sounded. This sound is represented by ŧ shaded. It has no similar sound in our languages.

begins on a k & ends on a t sound

Each word is pronounced as spelled, giving the letters their Continental or natural sounds.

The accent is generally on the penult.

This sound of t is much like th in thirty. This like t in the Spanish tu=hon, as pronounced in New Mexico

I see that I suppose there's a similar sound in other Indian languages represented by kt which gives the sound very definitely

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